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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Hubert Edward Reeves of Prescott, Arizona, formerly of Joliet, who passed away on June 17, 2010; and

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WHEREAS, H. Edward Reeves was born on October 23, 1931, in Joliet; his parents were Hubert and Wannetta Reeves; and

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WHEREAS, H. Edward Reeves graduated from the University of Illinois in 1958; he was employed as a computer programmer at APSA in Joliet until his retirement; and

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WHEREAS, H. Edward Reeves served his country with great bravery and distinction as a private first class in the United States Army during the Korean War; Mr. Reeves was present at the Battle of Chosin Reservoir, where the exhausted U.S. X Corps was outnumbered more than 10 to 1 by enemy forces; during the battle, he was hit by an exploding mortar, which left his legs crippled; while waiting with his wounded comrades in the back of a disabled truck, enemy soldiers stormed his position and killed the rest of the survivors; miraculously, Mr. Reeves survived the ordeal; for 3 days, he laid among the dead, while the enemy continued looting around him; after the enemy found him alive in the truck, he was thrown from the vehicle and

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1 beaten, but managed to escape once again; unable to walk, he
2 crawled toward the frozen reservoir throughout the night;
3 eventually, he was found by an "Ice Marine", who drove him back
4 to a friendly base; he eventually reached a hospital in Japan,
5 where doctors were forced to amputate his feet and all his
6 fingers; and

7 WHEREAS, H. Edward Reeves worked with the Korean War
8 Memorial project in Phoenix and Washington, D.C.; he was a
9 proud member of his cherished Veterans of the Chosin Few,
10 Chapter 608-Military Order of the Purple Heart and was a member
11 of the Korean War Veterans Association H. Edward Reeves,
12 Chapter 311, which was named after him; and

13 WHEREAS, H. Edward Reeves taught for 25 years in AWANA and
14 served as an evangelist with South American Crusades from 1976
15 to 1989; he was also a faithful member of Alliance Bible
16 Church; and

17 WHEREAS, H. Edward Reeves was preceded in death by his
18 children, Deborah and Michael Reeves; his parents; and his
19 sister, Louise Studer; and

20 WHEREAS, H. Edward Reeves is survived by his beloved wife
21 of 58 years, Beverly Jean Reeves; his children, John and Ann
22 Reeves, Michelle and Dennis Stewart, Melody and Bill Fisher,

1 Kelly and Steve Lambourne, Kim Reeves, and Cindy and Randy
2 Garman; his 16 grandchildren; his 13 great grandchildren; and
3 his siblings, Grace Tonge, Dick Reeves, James Reeves, and
4 Dorothy Hall; therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL
6 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
7 his family and friends, the passing of Hubert Edward Reeves;
8 and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
10 presented to the family of H. Edward Reeves as an expression of
11 our sympathy.